

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently active; Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 have been presently amended. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 8-45 were rejected as being anticipated by Kubo et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,461). Claim 7 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kubo et al.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Brinich to interview this case on June 19, 2007 during which time the issues in the outstanding Office Action were discussed as substantially summarized hereinafter.

As discussed during the interview, Claim 1 as amended defines a print control system having:

a print dialogue box *initially displayed in response to a print request* and configured to at least display print settings for a print job;
said print dialogue box including print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box and a print confirmation control; and
a printing information dialogue box configured to display, *upon an activation of the print confirmation control* for confirmation of the print settings for print job in the print dialogue box and prior to processing of the print job for printing, a synopsis of the print settings for the print job including at least an indication of a paper selection,
said printing information dialogue box having a print job control to direct said print job [Emphasis added.]

As presently clarified, the claimed print dialogue box initially displayed has print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box and a print confirmation control. As presently clarified, the claimed printing information dialogue box is displayed upon activation of the print confirmation control in the claimed print dialogue box. These features are shown in Applicant's Figures 1 and 2.

As discussed during the interview, Kubo et al disclose a series of steps by which print job settings are displayed and modified, followed by issuance of the print job. Below in pictorial form is the process disclosed by Kubo et al.

First, upon an initial print request, Figure 9A is displayed, as reproduced below.

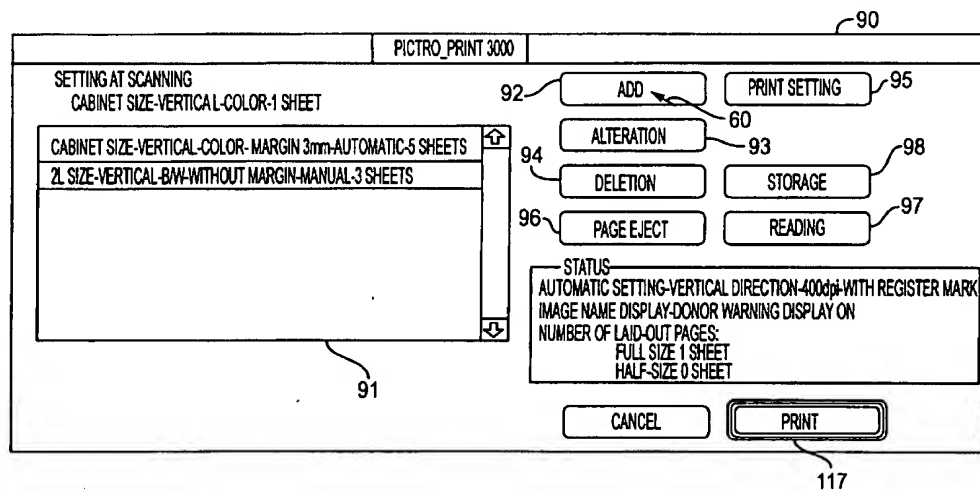
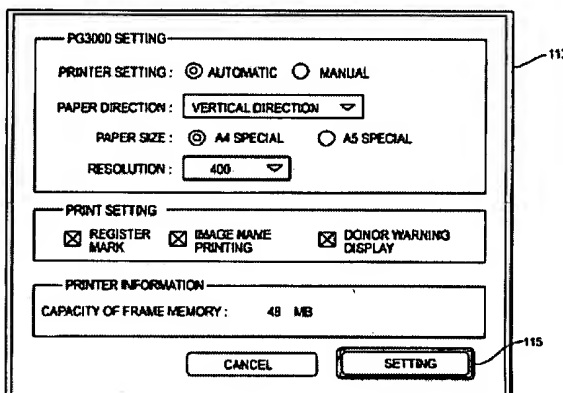


FIG. 9A

Figure 9A does *not* include controls permitting one to change the print settings from actions taken *within the print dialogue box*. When a user in Kubo et al decides to change the print settings, that user must hit either the “ADD” or “PRINT SETTING” buttons. Once the “PRINT SETTING” button is activated, then the user is shown the dialogue box 113 in Figure 12 (reproduced below) having controls permitting the changing of the print settings.

FIG. 12



Once the user in Kubo et al is satisfied with the print settings, hitting the “SETTING” button returns the user to the screen of Figure 9 (shown below), where the print job can be confirmed.

A similar sequence of events occurs in Kubo et al should the user select the “ADD” button. The user is shown the dialogue box 110 of Figure 10. There on that screen can the user change the print settings, and once satisfied clicks the “OK” button to return to the screen of Figure 9A. The screens in Kubo et al which permit changes in the print control settings are not displayed upon the initial print request.

Moreover, as discussed during the interview, the only button in Kubo et al which confirms the print job is the “PRINT” button of Figure 9A.

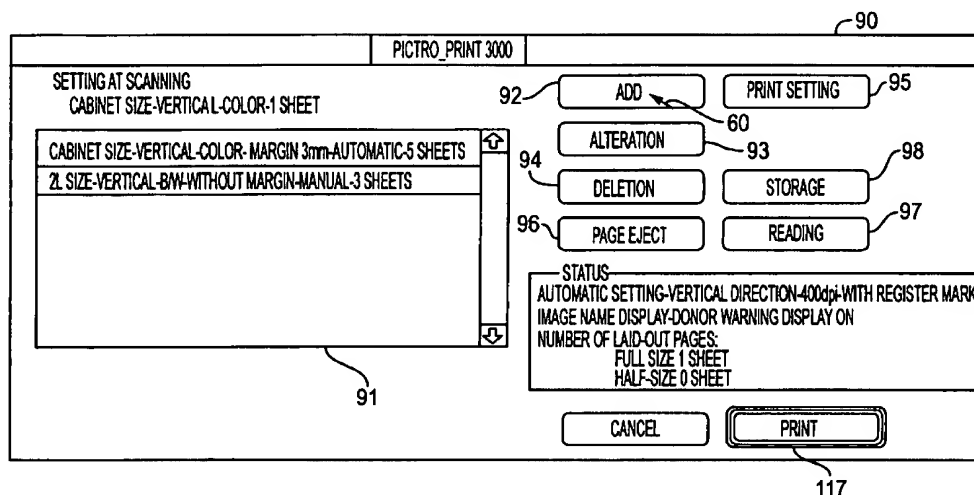


FIG. 9A

After activation of the “PRINT” button in Figure 9A, the user in Kubo et al is not given an opportunity to confirm the print settings, as the claimed printing information dialogue box defines.

Thus, Kubo et al do not disclose or suggest a print dialogue box initially displayed upon a print request and including print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box. Further, Kubo et al do not disclose or suggest a

printing information dialogue box displayed after activation of the print confirmation control in the claimed printing dialogue box.

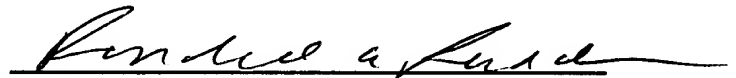
Hence, independent Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 are not anticipated or made obvious in view of Kubo et al.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 (and the claims dependent therefrom) patentably define over Kubo et al.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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